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Twelve Days updated at Elementary concert

VICKI BROOKER

Elk Point Review



TWO ELVES and a cast of singers can't help but agree that the classic song, "The Twelve Days of Christmas" just doesn't have much validity in a world where maids no longer milk and calling birds, whatever those are, are way too difficult to find. Check out the new lineup on Pages 2 and 3.

Vicki Brooker photo

As 15 students sang the classic 'Twelve Days of Christmas', Elk Point Elementary School's Christmas concert MCs agreed unanimously that the lyrics were "a song of the 1700s. It needs updating."

And so it was, which was only fitting for a concert that for the first time ever, was being live streamed across the nation and beyond, according to principal Rob MacDonald, who in addition to welcoming parents, grandparents and siblings, thanked his staff, noting that "It takes a lot of effort to put this on."

With eight energetic elves on hand to take turns hanging up corresponding numbered placards and renamed 'The Christmas Countdown', the show on both Wednesday and Thursday started off with a portrayal of '12 Hectic Shopping Trips', coped with '11 Crazy Relatives', shortened '10 Versions of Jingle Bells' to just one, and displayed far more than 'Nine Ugly Christmas Sweaters' before counting down to 'Eight Songs About Santa' and 'Seven More Songs About Santa'.

With that for a start, students went on to tell 'Six Terrible Christmas Jokes', followed by 'Five Santa, I Can Explain... Moments', whoop it up at 'Four Holiday Parties', endure 'Three Hours of Sleep on Christmas Eve' and tell 'Two Christmas Bedtime Stories' before focusing in on 'One Most Important Gift of All'.

Each segment, except for the Terrible Jokes, came with a Christmas song, old or new, before the Kindergarten, Grade 1 to 3 and 4B classes gathered on the stage to sing 'Deck the Halls', followed by Grade 4A, 5A and B and 6A and B, who wound up the show by 'Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree'.

Resident-friendly fire pits, more urban hens under Town of Elk Point's Christmas tree

VICKI BROOKER

Elk Point Review

The fire pit policy guidelines and procedures that came to council earlier this year was back on Elk Point town council's table on Dec. 9, with a number of changes that council feels will make it more resident-friendly. No permit or permit application will be required, and regulations regarding size of the pit have been removed and the distance from combustible material changed to read "a safe distance" rather than the previous 10 feet.

The new guidelines include prohibiting smoke and odor from a fire in an outdoor fireplace or fire pit from impacting a neighbor's ability to enjoy their property, prohibiting burning when wind velocity is over 30 km/hr, and prohibiting burning if a fire ban is in place in the County of St. Paul. There will also be no burning of grass, weeds, green tree limbs, garden refuse or garbage in the pits.

The pits must be constructed of metal, concrete, brick or other materials approved by the town inspector or fire chief, and must have a fire screen that covers the entire pit with openings not larger than one-half inch, and when in use, must be attended at all times by the property owner or occupant, who will be held responsible for any damage and costs resulting from use of the fire pit.

More hens

Council passed all three readings of the revised Animal Control bylaw, which will allow the Urban Hen Project to go year round and will increase the number of Urban Hen licenses to 10 from three.

Christmas hours

Council agreed to cancel their Dec. 23 council meeting and to close the town office and public works office at 1 p.m. on Dec. 24. The town office will also be closed Dec. 27 and 28, in addition to Christmas and Boxing Day, and will be open Dec. 30 and 31, giving those who have not yet paid their property tax the opportunity to do so before an additional penalty is assessed as of Jan. 1, 2020.

No change on NLLS decision

The majority of council has not had second thoughts regarding the proposed increase of 1.5 per cent in Northern Lights Library System fees, although Coun. Debra McQuinn, who represents the town on the NLLS Board, noted that the system will have to dig into their reserves if less than two thirds of the member communities do not agree to the increase, which in Elk Point's case, would amount to \$116.16 from both the town and the library board. Council passed a motion at their Nov. 12 meeting to advise the library system that they would not approve the increase, and agreed at last week's meeting to let that motion stand, although they are aware they will have to pay the increase if

two thirds of the communities agree with the increase.

Stormwater drainage

Elk Point residents will have an opportunity to give input on proposed stormwater drainage improvements, and will receive a questionnaire listing the 10 planned improvements to reduce flooding and drainage issues.

The questionnaire and planned improvements are the result of a comprehensive study undertaken for the Town of Elk Point, and information gathered at an open house earlier this year, as well as field surveys and computer modeling.

The locations with potential to experience drainage issues have since been studied and resulted in the proposal of improvements that range from the construction of dry ponds in the Highway 42 green space and upgrading of culverts have been suggested to significantly reduced flooding frequency and severity in the industrial area near the town's south boundary.

Construction of curb and gutter at the 46 St. and 50 Ave. intersection, with the upgrade of stormwater pipe and inlets, has also been suggested to direct stormwater through a controlled flood path to avoid flooding private property.

Reconstruction of a ditch along the south edge of the school's sports field and construction of a new ditch north of the arena will eliminate the safety hazard posed by the steep side slopes of the existing ditches in those areas.

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TEN VERSIONS OF JINGLE BELLS, this one accompanied by bells and percussion sticks.



NINE CHRISTMAS SWEATERS? No, there are way more than that in this crowd, all of them bright, colorful and ready for fun.



EIGHT SONGS ABOUT SANTA - and this one is a good old favourite, 'Here Comes Santa Claus!' with Performance Arts teacher Stephanie Earle (bottom right) conducting the singers.



AND SEVEN MORE SONGS about Santa, this one 'Jolly Old St. Nicholas.'

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SIX TERRIBLE JOKES - but the audience laughed at every one!



FOUR HOLIDAY PARTIES - this one featuring Jingle Ball Rock.



...AND ONE MOST IMPORTANT GIFT OF ALL - Human kindness was portrayed as Good King Wenceslaus offered food, drink, fire and shelter to a less fortunate resident of his kingdom.

CHRISTMAS READY PRINCIPAL Rob MacDonald had a warm welcome for the concert crowd.



FIVE 'SANTA, I CAN EXPLAIN' MINUTES - But they're getting nothing for Christmas, 'cause they've been nothing but bad!



THREE HOURS OF SLEEP ON CHRISTMAS EVE - is not a strange concept to the KB (above) and KA (below) students, who are way too excited to waste time sleeping!



TWO CHRISTMAS BEDTIME STORIES - brought the recitation of Clement Moore's classic, 'Twas the Night Before Christmas', complete with Santa, whose nose was like a cherry.

Council

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Grant allocations

Council approved the use of Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) and Federal Gas Tax (FGT) grants for capital projects. A backhoe will be purchased in 2020 with MSI capital funds from 2018 (\$6,440), 2019 (\$86,412) and 2020 (\$72,148) for a total of \$165,000. The amount of \$145,000 of 2020 MSI funds will go to rehabilitate a portion of Railway Ave., along with \$83,993 from 2019 FGT and \$36,007 from 2020 FGT. Replacement of cast iron pipes on 48 Ave. between 54 and 50 St.. will amount to \$666,000 over the coming three years, with \$43,993 in 2020, \$80,000 in 2021 and \$50,000 in 2022 coming from the FGT and \$127,852 in 2020, \$200,000 in 2021, \$132,805 in 2022 and \$31,350 in 2023 coming from MSI. CAO Ken Gwozdz told council he had received an email stating that MSI funding has been committed for 2020 and 2021.

Service agreement

Council approved renewing the town's contract with The Inspections Group for three years, with Gwozdz noting that the town has had a good experience with them during the current contract.

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EDITORIAL

Presence, not presents

"It's not the presents under the tree, it's the presence around it that counts."

We've heard that a lot this year, in a time when jobs have been lost, crops left in the field and cutbacks everywhere.

And it's the truth.

Christmas doesn't have to be a time when we spend our next six months of income to make a big show, rather than concentrating on a good but affordable meal to share with those we care most about.

How many gifts are opened and admired and then tucked away and sometimes even forgotten? It's way easier to forget a gift you hadn't really needed in the first place than to forget the good times, good conversation and good fellowship you share over a good meal with the people you love.

Thinking back at the memories you made, looking back at the pictures everyone took and shared, that is a present in itself, one that money can't begin to buy.

Concentrate on the kids, and don't overdo it there either.... and no socks, unless they're sock collectors.

Wishing you all good memories of Christmas 2019.

SEASONAL SAFETY

'Tis the season to share holiday traffic safety tips

EDMONTON – The RCMP encourages Albertans to enjoy the season to the fullest while keeping in mind additional safety risks associated with the holidays, particularly when it comes to impaired driving. The RCMP will focus on identifying and removing impaired drivers from our roads throughout the holidays.

On Dec. 7, 2019, the Alberta RCMP participated in National Impaired Driving Enforcement Day, a Canada-wide RCMP initiative aimed at removing impaired drivers off our roads. Alberta RCMP checked a total of 10,960 vehicles. From this day alone, 48 individuals face charges for impaired operation of a motor vehicle by alcohol while four individuals face charges for impaired operation of a motor vehicle by drugs.

Checkstops serve as a visible reminder to the public that it is never okay to drive impaired. Possible signs of an impaired driver include:

- Weaving from one side of lane to the other;
- Taking extremely wide turns;
- Driving at inconsistent speeds without headlights;
- Failing to lower high beams or leaving turn signals on;
- Approaching or leaving intersections too quickly or slowly.

Call 911 immediately if you suspect someone is driving impaired.

This holiday season, please take time to plan for a sober ride from and to your destinations and encourage others to do the same. There are many safe options available for you – take public transit, call a cab, or arrange for a designated driver.

The Alberta RCMP will continue to work with Alberta Sheriffs and other law enforcement and safety partners to ensure Albertans make the right driving decisions. Follow our traffic safety tips on Facebook @RCMPinAlberta and Twitter @RCMPAlberta.



WAY BACK WHEN...

Rec land, library under town tree, bright lights, 'smart' red nose

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 24 IN...

1984

Town council played Santa, ratifying the purchase of the recreation land and giving the go-ahead to the construction of a new library, with the library board and the contractor visiting the last meeting of the year to negotiate on the cost of the building, with the board willing to cut \$4,000 from their furnishing budget to go toward the building's air conditioning and council volunteering to pay the balance of the unit's \$7,140 cost from general reserves. Al Harlton of Alberta Tourism and Small Business spoke to the Elk Point Chamber of Commerce and urged formation of an economic development committee in Elk Point.

1989

Snow and cold curbed pre-Christmas activities, with up to 25 cm of frigid fluff marooning Light Horse Club horse trailers, wagons and sleighs and disappointing those who had hoped for a sleigh ride as part of the Christmas Extravaganza activities, however all other events went as scheduled. A power outage left Elk Point and areas north and west in the cold and dark, with extreme cold given as the probable cause of a broken line east of Elk Point.

1994

Who needed Candy Cane Lane? Walter and Marie Lesyk, Brenda and Rick Patroch and Jody and Dennis Boyko were the winners in the chamber of comers Lighting and Decorating Contest with their eye-catching displays. Town council met with their County counterparts, discussing the airport, fire department, ambulance service and landfill site, with the airport runway project completed at the cost of \$283,000, 60 per cent of the cost coming from Alberta Transportation and \$43,000 each coming from Amoco

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and Pan Canadian Petroleum.

1999

Elk Point's Roman Catholic, Ukrainian Catholic and United churches combined congregations for a glorious celebration of music that filled the United Church to capacity, with Rev Jope Langejans, "the mayor of Bethlehem" for the evening, declaring, "Let the mystery of Christmas begin!" Town Council debated their 2000 budget, and expressed hope, provided there is not a large increase in school tax requisition, they should be able to go with the same mill rate as 1999 and hold the line on taxation.

2004

It was a zoo at the Elk Point Elementary School first concert, with parading penguins, a singing hyena, monkeys who let all the animals out of their cages, and friendly beasts around the manger that helped the very frazzled zookeeper regain his perspective. The second concert told an Inuit legend passed down through the ages of a little boy who became lost in the long winter night and who was found by a not-so-scary Abominable Snowman and his friends.

2009

Santa reluctantly went green, right down to his suit, at Elk Point Elementary Christmas Concert, after some serious lobbying by Mrs. Santa and the elves, as solar panels went up on the housetop and Rudolph got a 'smart' nose as part of a movement to explore environmentally friendly options. The second concert answered the question, "Is Santa smarter than an Elementary student?" in a lighthearted takeoff of a popular television show.

2014

Two days of frantic speculation ramped into the defection of nine Wildrose MLAs, including the party's leader Danielle Smith, but the riding's local Wildrose MLA Shayne Saskiw stayed the course. And who ever heard of pigs on a Christmas tree? In the Grade 1 to 3 and KB Christmas concert, "Let It Snow!" two little pigs, who are best friends, want to buy meaningful gifts for each other, but are finding it hard to get in the holiday spirit when there is no snow, and one of the pigs, Puddle, is adamant that "there has to be snow, please let it snow."

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A very merry Playschool Christmas

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Students of Jack and Jill Playschool wound up 2019 with their Christmas party on Tuesday, entertaining a packed crowd of parents, grandparents and siblings with their holiday songs.

They then proudly displayed their pre-Christmas crafts of Mistle-Toes and penguin piggy banks before Santa came through the door to dispense presents to all the youngsters.



MISTLE-TOES AND PENGUINS were proudly displayed, each penguin containing a shiny 2019 loonie that instructor Tammy Klatt said was the start of a fund for the future. Following the great potluck lunch provided by the parents, there was more fun, with cookie decorating and ornament painting for the kids and draws for no less than 30 donated prizes as part of a Playschool fundraiser.



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Christmas Concert time in Heinsburg



Heinsburg Community School held their annual Christmas Concert on Wednesday. The Santas (left) are performing Jingle Bell Rock and at right, the Kindergarten/Grade One class entertains the crowd with their number.

Christine Yurko photos



More support for Santas Anonymous

VICKI BROOKER

Review Staff

The annual Santas Anonymous campaign of the Community Lions of Elk Point wrapped up Dec. 13, with a large influx of volunteer elves, from seniors to Elk Point 4-H Beef Club members, gathering at Elk Point Further Education to help wrap up an array of gifts and fill hampers for 50 local families in need.

Along with 11 cartons of groceries donated by Elk Point Elementary School students and food donations collected at Elk Point Roman Catholic Church, cash donations from shoppers at Cornerstone Co-op covered the purchase of an ample supply of food, with the Co-op donating flour, sugar, paper towels and chocolates for the hampers.

Collection boxes in local businesses were well filled with gift donations, and donations from service

groups and individuals were used to add to the mounting pile of gifts. The Santas' elves worked after dark for a whole week to sort the donations by age and gender ensuring that each child received a bounty of gifts, including locally hand knit toques and mitts, Lions members report.

The County of St. Paul and Elk Point FCSS gathered names for the program again this year, and also contacted the families when the bulging hampers of food and gifts were ready for pickup.



COMMUNITY LIONS Susan Frisby and Sandie Bishop accept a welcome donation from Conrad Pierce of Enbridge.



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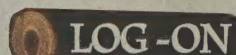
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Hey Santa, the Avalanches have been good!

One of the best things about Christmas is family getting together. You can count on it. Grandparents, aunts and uncles and other family from miles away coming to stay over for the holidays. And the bonus for them is getting to see their little darlings in action on the ice.

This past week was rather hectic for most of the hockey and skating parents, going to Christmas concerts during the day and team parties in the evening. Santa has had a heck of a week too, trying to fit it all in! A couple of the teams shut down after their Christmas party fun skate but three of them saw action.

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Review Sports

A funny thing happened Friday night when the Atom Avalanche took a merry little trip over to Mannville to visit the Hawks. The first two periods were all Avalanche. The boys putting on a show for their families, 'Notorious Nolan' Ballas scoring the only goal in the first period assisted by Jaxon 'Smitty' Smith and 'Without a Trace' Morgan, one to zip for the Avalanche after twenty minutes. All good!

Into the second frame, Remington 'Steel' Reynolds giving his parents a present, scoring the second goal of the game, assisted by Braylee 'Free Willy' Lesyk. Then, as sneaky as Santa, 'Without a Trace' Morgan floating on air and scoring one all on his own. All good after 40 minutes. Off to the dressing room where the boys, with other excitement dancing in their heads, figured they already put the Hawks to bed.

Then out from the home dressing room comes Scrooge. The Hawks goalie decided to shut the doors on the Avalanche and give them nothing in the third period. The ghost of Christmas present also showed up, the Hawks scoring five goals in the third period, of course one was an empty netter. What lesson did we learn today? We must play a full 60 minutes to win a hockey game. But when you're 10 years old, I think there might be other more important things on your mind.

The Novice Avalanche hooked up the sled and travelled through the woods over the hills on Saturday morning to Two Hills. Although this is not official, rumor has it one of Santa's Elves was seen in the crowd at the game and was keeping track for Santa on the good little boys and girls. Apparently they all played extremely well and showed good sportsmanship, something that Santa really likes to hear. William 'Billy Bob' Ballas with five goals and one assist, 'Major Tom' Melnyk with two goals, Avree Lesyk with a goal and an assist, Jesse James Penner with a goal. Two assists each for Lennox 'All Out' St. Arnault and Ava Rawlake

All I want for Christmas is two big points! The Pee wee Avalanche parents and coaches were hoping for a win for Christmas. So off they went to Bonnyville on Saturday to

meet the Pontiacs. Not as easy as it sounds. One of the best games I've seen for Brendan 'Blue Line' Haesh. He is a terrific skater and seems to float on air. Not flashy but very effective with the puck, he has a hard shot when he puts his weight into it. Not only that, he is not afraid to take one for the team and is a really strong shot blocker. He scored the first two goals by himself.

Both times he had a hard shot on net then recovered his own rebound and scored.

'Top Gunner' Crawford must have dumped his hockey bag out at home after the last game and didn't check it twice to see if his number 9 sweater was in there,

or perhaps the coaches decided to disguise him with a practice sweater on.

Wouldn't take too long to notice this guy no matter what he had on, going coast to coast with a goal. Growing taller by the day, Kaleb 'Formula One' Flamand revving up his engine, back checking and stealing the puck a number of times. His brother Madden 'Mad Dog' setting him up, he found the twine. The final score 4 to 2 for the Avalanche but the game was a lot closer especially when the score was 3 to 2 for the longest time in the third period. Lots of penalties and both teams playing short handed a number of times.

Eve'tt 'Snoop Dog' Smereka was doing a fantastic job of forechecking on the penalty kill. Goalie 'Goodyear Charlie' Lesyk was on his game, coming up with some big timely saves. Only 20 shots on goal, but he saved the. Avalanche butts a number of times when they left him out to dry. Didn't happen when his steady stay at home defense woman 'Hurricane Kayl' Warawa was on the ice, though. She played a strong game too. She managed to keep the front of the net cleared and tied up players in the corner a number of time plus getting the puck up to the forwards. The Pee wee coaches got what they wanted. Two points!

That's a wrap!! Remember to be good, cause Santa is watching! Hey Santa.... How about a Stanley Cup for the Leafs? OK, can we at least make the playoffs? Too much to ask for!

Happy birthday going out today to a former Avalanche player and assistant coach, Tyler Loughran.

And now for the K. A. Campbell quote of the week. "Deke the halls with blades of hockey. Fa la la la, la la la la." - unknown



Party time for Atoms

The Atom Avs took on the minor hockey coaches at their Christmas party, with the coaches bringing out their secret weapon: goalie and Zamboni operator Brian Poitras to join in on the fun.

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Two-win weekend for Elks

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point Elks came back from a disappointing 7-4 loss to St. Walburg Eagles last Sunday to win a pair this weekend, starting off with a 5-4 defeat of Dewberry Mustangs in their own corral.

The Elks were up 2-0 within four minutes and 12 seconds of the first puck drop, Jean-Guy Boisvert assisted by Myles Whitford and Scott Ward in the first and Whitford unassisted in the second. Dewberry's Stephen Simmons scored off an assist by Brady Bardoel to narrow the gap, but Whitford came back with his second of the game, assisted by Jordyn Wozniak, and Matthew Boulianne made it 4-1 in the Elks' favor off assists by Brae Howatt and Dillon Kalinski.

Dewberry's Bryce Goldsmith, assisted by Carter Myhovich and Brayden Wilson, scored the lone goal of the second frame, and Chance Bensmiller, unassisted and Dylan Yungblut, assisted by Jamal Daniels and Myhovich, scored 40 seconds apart early in the third to tie the score.

Howatt scored the game winner with 8:12 left on the clock off an assist by Aaron Gagne, and due a

great job between the pipes by Paul Boulianne and in spite of being out shot 33-19, the Elks defeated the Mustangs 5-4 in regulation time.

The Elks had an even bigger win on Saturday, when the Paradise Valley Jets came to town, although it didn't look promising in the beginning, when the visitors scored a pair. However, Kalinski, assisted by Matthew Boulianne and Gagne, and Howatt, assisted by Ward and Curtis Witney, scored later in the period to head to the dressing room tied 2-2.

The Elks added three more on their side of the scoreboard in the second, Kalinski assisted by Whitford and a pair by Whitford, assisted by Kam Ballas in the first and Gagne in the second.

The home team extended their lead even further early in the third, Whitford and Kalinski each scoring their hat trick goals, Whitford assisted by Wozniak and Ballas and Kalinski by Morgan Greve and Gagne. The Jets two more in the final period, but were still three goals short of a win when the final buzzer sounded.

This was the final game of 2019 for the Elks, who will kick off the New Year with a trip to Two Hills on Friday, Jan. 3 to take on the Longhorns.

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From the Hack

JOANNE WARAWA
Elk Point Curling Club

After four weeks of games there is only one team that is left undefeated and that's the team skipped by Owen Gibson, third Cecile Demers, second Pat Demers and lead Val Gibson.

Our team had the opportunity to break their winning streak on Wednesday but couldn't cash it in. They joined league a couple years ago and have consistently been on top - they are like a fine wine, if you know what I mean. Owen spent countless hours flooding and getting the ice ready this year and the rest of the crew are always there when there is work to do. Cecile and Val prepared and donated all the food for our Crib and Curl earlier this month. So well deserved and good job guys!

Have a Merry Christmas and see you all in the New Year!



TEAM OF THE WEEK - left to right: Pat Demers, Cecile Demers, Val Gibson, Owen Gibson.

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